

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michael Slivka et al. Confirmation No.: 7650
Appln. No. : 10/676,868
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Title : METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF DEFECTS IN THE
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC

Art Unit : 1651
Examiner : L.B. Lankford, Jr.

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.